

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

The local Fox
affiliate KOKH TV
channel 25 in
Oklahoma City is
already totally out
of line. They air
political
commentaries by one
of their own, which
are completely
pro-republican and
never offer time for
a rebuttal. I am
tired of hearing
about the LIBERAL
PRESS. All that I
ever hear is a
conservative press
pushing the
republican party
line. This latest
spear campaign is
just another swift
boat type of attack
against Senator
Kerry two weeks
before the election.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.